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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

Reconsideration of the final rejection mailed September 12, 2007 is requested.

The examiner takes the prior art Ullyott reference, and argues that it could be properly combined with Bedouet to achieve reduction of electrical load during APU use. However, Bedouet is directed to ongoing operation of the engine in aircraft. As an example, the section just before the section quoted by the examiner, and beginning at line 17 of column 1, states

“The electrical power available on the electrical energy distribution networks of an aircraft depends on the generator used.”

Thus, Bedouet is talking about an insufficient amount of electricity being generated during operation, and not the use of an APU at all.

There is nothing within Bedouet at all that would suggest the claimed reduction of power as long as the APU is still moving to increase speed.

There is nothing in either reference that recognizes that a power reduction during APU ramp-up would be desirable. Thus, the claimed invention provides an unexpected benefit, and one which would not be suggested in any manner by either reference. There would be no reason

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to combine the two references, and even if they were combined, the combined system would not perform the "shedding" during APU use. The Bedouet function is for ongoing flight operation of the "generator," namely the gas turbine engines of the aircraft.

For the reasons set forth above, all claims are allowable. An indication of such is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

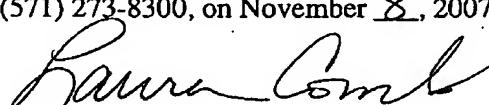


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